

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for inferring a requested sequential cell from a candidate
2 cell during the generation of a netlist; comprising the steps of:

3 a) representing the requested cell as a mathematical expression;
4 b) representing the candidate cell as a mathematical expression;
5 c) performing an operation on the requested cell representation
6 with the candidate cell representation to return at least one value;
7 d) providing a rule corresponding to each returned value; and
8 e) transforming the candidate cell into the requested cell by
9 performing each rule corresponding to each returned value.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the mathematical representations of
2 the candidate cell and the requested cell are polynoms.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the operation performed comprises
2 dividing the polynomial representation of the candidate cell with the polynomial
3 representation of the requested cell.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the polynoms comprise one or more
2 multinoms corresponding to logical elements.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the multinoms are selected from the
2 group consisting of Rst, Lr, St, Ls, Sc, Mu, Re, Lre and T.

1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of dividing the polynomial
2 representations returns at least one multinom corresponding to necessary
3 inhibitions, transformations and inferences.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are implemented by a
2 computer.

1 8. A method for inferring a requested sequential cell from a candidate
2 cell during the generation of a netlist; comprising the steps of
3 a) representing the requested cell as a P_{req} polynom having a
4 multinom of smallest degree;
5 b) representing the candidate cell as a P_{cand} polynom;
6 c) if neither P_{req} nor P_{cand} equals zero, setting a multinom Z_{req}
7 equal to the multinom of smallest degree of P_{req} , and if either P_{req} or P_{cand}
8 equals zero, performing step f);
9 d) determining whether P_{cand} comprises multinoms divisible by
10 Z_{req} and if so, setting Z_{cand} equal to the smallest degree multinoms of
11 P_{cand} divisible by Z_{req} , otherwise setting a polynom P_{inhib} equal to P_{cand} ,
12 then setting P_{cand} equal to zero and performing step c);
13 e) adding to P_{inhib} multinoms of P_{cand} having smaller degree than
14 Z_{cand} , subtracting Z_{cand} from P_{cand} , subtracting Z_{req} from P_{req} , adding
15 the polynom quotient of Z_{cand} divided by Z_{req} to a polynom $P_{transform}$,
16 and then performing step c); and
17 f) if P_{req} equals zero, then adding P_{cand} to P_{inhib} and if P_{cand}
18 equals zero, then adding P_{req} to a polynom P_{infer} .

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the polynoms P_{inhib} , $P_{transform}$ and
2 P_{infer} comprise multinoms, further comprising the steps of providing rules
3 corresponding the multinoms of P_{inhib} , $P_{transform}$ and P_{infer} and applying the rules
4 to the candidate cell to transform the candidate cell into the requested cell.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the polynoms P_{cand} and P_{req} and the
2 multinoms Z_{cand} and Z_{req} comprise major and minor multinoms and step d) further

3 comprises determining whether any major multinoms present in Zreq are also
4 present in P_{cand}.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the multinoms Zreq and Z_{cand} have
2 a degree and the polynom quotient is obtained by setting the degree of Zreq and
3 Z_{cand} to 1 and then dividing Z_{cand} with Zreq.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the steps are performed by a
2 computer.

1 13. The method of claim 8, wherein requested cell comprises a flipflop
2 having a first synchronous function element in a first position and the step of
3 representing a requested cell by a Preq polynom comprises setting Preq equal to a
4 multinom corresponding to the first element and giving the multinom a degree of
5 one.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the requested cell comprises a
2 second function element in a position and the step of representing a requested cell
3 by a Preq polynom comprises summing the multinom corresponding to the first
4 element with a multinom corresponding to the second element, wherein the second
5 element multinom has a degree corresponding to the second element position.

1 15. A system for inferring a requested sequential cell from a candidate
2 cell during the generation of a netlist; the system comprising:

- 3 a) means for representing the requested cell as a mathematical
4 expression;
- 5 b) means for representing the candidate cell as a mathematical
6 expression;

c) means for performing an operation on the requested cell representation with the candidate cell representation to return at least one value;

d) means for providing a rule corresponding to each returned value; and

e) means for transforming the candidate cell into the requested cell by performing each rule corresponding to each returned value.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the mathematical representations of the candidate cell and the requested cell are polynoms.

17. The system of claim 16, wherein the operation performed comprises dividing the polynomial representation of the candidate cell with the polynomial representation of the requested cell.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the polynoms comprise one or more multinoms corresponding to logical elements.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the multinoms are selected from the group consisting of Rst, Lr, St, Ls, Sc, Mu, Re, Lre and T.

1 20. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for dividing the
2 polynomial representations returns at least one multinom corresponding to
3 necessary inhibitions, transformations and inferences.

1 21. The system of claim 15, wherein the means are implemented by a
2 computer.

1 22. A system for inferring a requested sequential cell from a candidate cell
2 during the generation of a netlist; comprising:

- 3 a) means for representing the requested cell as a P_{req} polynom
4 having a multinom of smallest degree;
- 5 b) means for representing the candidate cell as a P_{cand} polynom;
- 6 c) means for setting, if neither P_{req} nor P_{cand} equals zero, a
7 multinom Z_{req} equal to the multinom of smallest degree of P_{req} , and if
8 either P_{req} or P_{cand} equals zero, initiating the function of f);
- 9 d) means for determining whether P_{cand} comprises multinoms
10 divisible by Z_{req} and if so, setting Z_{cand} equal to the smallest degree
11 multinoms of P_{cand} divisible by Z_{req} , otherwise setting a polynom P_{inhib}
12 equal to P_{cand} , then setting P_{cand} equal to zero and performing step c);
- 13 e) means for adding to P_{inhib} multinoms of P_{cand} having smaller
14 degree than Z_{cand} , subtracting Z_{cand} from P_{cand} , subtracting Z_{req} from
15 P_{req} , adding the polynom quotient of Z_{cand} divided by Z_{req} to a polynom
16 $P_{transform}$, and then initiating the function of means c); and
- 17 f) means for adding, if P_{req} equals zero, P_{cand} to P_{inhib} and if
18 P_{cand} equals zero, then adding P_{req} to a polynom P_{infer} .

1 23. The system of claim 22, wherein the polynomials P_{inhib} , $P_{transfer}$ and
2 P_{infer} comprise multinoms, further comprising means for providing rules
3 corresponding the multinoms of P_{inhib} , $P_{transfer}$ and P_{infer} and applying the rules
4 to the candidate cell to transform the candidate cell into the requested cell.

1 24. The system of claim 23, wherein the polynomials P_{cand} and P_{req} and
2 the multinoms Z_{cand} and Z_{req} comprise major and minor multinoms and means d)
3 further comprises means for determining whether any major multinoms present in
4 Z_{req} are also present in P_{cand} .

1 25. The system of claim 24, wherein the multinoms Zreq and Zcand have
2 a degree and the polynom quotient is obtained by setting the degree of Zreq and
3 Zcand to 1 and then dividing Zcand with Zreq.

1 26. The system of claim 22, wherein the means are implemented by a
2 computer.

1 27. The system of claim 22, wherein the requested cell comprises a
2 flipflop having a first synchronous function element in a first position and the
3 means for representing a requested cell by a Preq polynom comprises means for
4 setting Preq equal to a multinom corresponding to the first element and giving the
5 multinom a degree of one.

1 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the requested cell comprises a
2 second function element in a position and the means for representing a requested
3 cell by a Preq polynom comprises means for summing the multinom corresponding
4 to the first element with a multinom corresponding to the second element, wherein
5 the second element multinom has a degree corresponding to the second element
6 position.

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